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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: S. SHIMA, et al  
Serial No.: 09/769,270  
Filed: January 26, 2001  
For: Data management system for storages  
Group: 2172  
Examiner: H. Pham

**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.